

DIARY
of
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January, Wednesday 7. At home again. Helping new hand Jasper to thrash some oats, that is tramping it out with the horses. Pretty cold. There is not enough snow for the sled to run on account of the roads being so rough & too slippery for the waggons.

Thursday 8. Walked into town. Some business. Bought several drafts on N. Y., pay for in currency. In the evening walked in after the mail. Read a description of the terrible battle at Mumfordsville. It must have been terrible slaughter to both armies.

Friday 9. Walked into town. Not very much business in the Bank. Took supper at Aunt Marys. At the Lyceum had a very interesting discussion. Down after the mail. News not so very favorable from Vicksburg. Gold 136. in Chicago. Thawing & wet. Walked home. Muddy.

Saturday 10. Frozen up hard again this morning. Wind has changed from the S.E. to N.W.. Considerable business. Closed the Bank as usual at 4 o'clock. Skating alittle while on the pond. Stopped at Aunt Marys to read the paper in the evening. No news yet from our friends in the 84 regiment.

Sunday 11. At home all day. Mother and Pa went over to Uncle Georges. Have considerable to do in the mornings as we have no hired man now. Have all the feeding & milking to do except when Pa & the boys help. This is very warm weather. The ice is all thawing off the creek again.

Monday 12. Walked into town a pleasant morning. Not very much business. Took supper at Aunt Marys who got a letter from Uncle John stating that he was well but could not find anything of Amos. For some cause gold has reached the high premium of 39 to 41 % premium. Evening, froze.

Tuesday 13. Raining hard till nine o'clock but not thawing much until about noon when it is dreadful muddy again. Took supper at Aunt Marys again. No news or no letters this evening. Walked home. Pretty but the wind is changing to the north, blowing hard & colder.

Wednesday 14. Frozen up as hard as a rock. Walked into town. Some Business. Stayed in for the mail. Heard from Amos that he was all right and the only Captain that came out of this terrible battle. Not much other news. Gold has advances to 43% premium.

Thursday 15. A cold and stormy morning. Trying to snow but too cold. Stayed at home today. Chopping wood & hauling wood into the cellar. Pretty cold all day.

Friday 16. In the bank as usual. Some business. Gold has been very high lately. A great deal higher than it ever was before being nearly 50 per cent premium in New York. It is now coming down again. However, I presume the rise is owing to the disturbed state of the country caused by the traitors at home.

Saturday 17. Walked into town as usual. Not very much business. Sold considerable of the Government postage currency of which we have received a pretty good supply. Evening, stayed in for the mail and down skating on the pond. A great many boys & girls were enjoying this sport.

Sunday 18. At home all day. Down on the creek skating part of the time. The ice is very thick & the skating pretty good. Reading in the evening. Have got an Irish girl now but no hired man. In the morning and evening have to do the feeding. A pleasant day.

Monday 19. Walked into town. Not cold, trying to snow. Recited French lesson to Mrs. Tompkins. Like the study very well. Not very much business. Took supper at Uncle Johns. After dark commenced snowing very fast. Aunt got a letter from Uncle. He is well. Rode home with Abe Bowman in his buggy.

Tuesday 20. Walked into town. Quite warm and melting all the snow again. Not much business. Posting the books. Very little news these times. Had thought we were going to have some sleighing but the prospects are very poor just now.

Wednesday 21. Walked into town as usual. Still wet, muddy & damp. Sold some drafts and some postal currency at a small premium.

Thursday 22. At home chopping wood. Thawing some. Afternoon, helping clean up some oats in the barn floor.

Friday 23. Walked into town. Not much business. Posting the books. Evening, stopped at Aunt Marys. Ginny & Ervy are sick. At the Lyceum had a very interesting time. Did not say much however on the question. Walked home through the mud. Very dark.

Saturday 24. Very little business today but a good many people in town attending the mass meeting at the new court house to endorse the President's proclamation freeing the slaves. No spokesman from abroad. Stopped at Aunt Marys in the evening. Ervy & Ginny are getting better.

Sunday 25. At home all day. Up the creek killed fourteen skunks in one hole. Hunting for cunsities among the rocks. Pop & Abe found a good many. A pleasant day. Mother was over at Rhorrers. Have to do the feeding yet.

Monday 26. Walked into town. Ground frozen. Tolderable. Cold all day but thawing in the sun. Considerable business.

Memoranda. (Tridel) Clinton St., Chicago, West Side. 84 Burchard & Barton. Freeport. Hand Book for home. Improvement to note talk & C. Wn. Barton. Freeport. Express 4.80. J. C. Keen. Taxes.

February, Monday 9. Have neglected writing in my diary for some time. Simply because there was nothing to write as every thing moves along in regular order. I have the same duties and routine of business every day. Walked into day carrying an umbrella. The rain pouring down pretty fast. Scarcely any business. Froze up in the evening again. Good prospects for skating.

Tuesday 10. Not very much business today. Treasury notes are getting scarce owing principally on account of the taxes having to be paid in them. They hardly pay in the common run of business, that is, if a man has anything to pay he pays in currency. They are from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1% premium.

Wednesday 11. Walked into town as usual. Not very much business. Quite warm and thawing enough to make the roads a little slippery. Gold has somewhat of a downward tendency being about 152 in Chicago. Bought some for 145 here. Evening at panoramain the Baptist Church.

Thursday 12. Walked into town as usual. Business. Tolerable. Not so warm as yesterday but still quite pleasant. Roads a little rough after yesterdays thaw & last nights freeze. Over at Uncle Georges in the evening after sausage machines. Not cold.

Friday 13. Got up pretty early this morning. Helping get things ready for thrashing. Looks a little for rain but guess it will turn to snow. In Bank. Helping thrash after got home in the evening. At dancing party at Lyceum. Tried to dance some. Had a very pleasant time.

Saturday 14. 3 o'clock A.M. just going home. Beginning to rain. Wind blowing very hard. Very sharp lightning. Morning, had a terrible rain & hail storm last night. Cold. In bank very little business. Disagreeable day. Stayed in for the mail. Creek is very high running around the bridge on both sides.

Sunday 15. A pleasant day. Took a walk up the creek which was very high but has fallen a little. The water is very muddy. Although very high, it did not take away all the ice on the Long place where had a very good skate in the evening.

Monday 16. Walked into town as usual. Very little business except sold a couple of drafts. We sell at $\frac{1}{2}\%$ on Chicago & $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 on N. Y. Gold is still very high about 134 in Chicago. Give 145 here. I do not think there is much chance for it to fall not for some time however. Walked home.

Tuesday 17. A beautiful morning like spring. The sun shines warm & pleasant. The air is still & clear. Everything seems to rejoice and enjoy it. Not very much business in bank today. Took supper at Aunt Marys with Abe & Abe Bowman. At the Union school exhibition. Such a crowd, could not hear.

Saturday 21. Had a very pleasant time last evening at the Seminary. The Philoniathian society had a sociable. Walked into town as usual. Pretty warm and thawing. Business as usual. Have got done thrashing at last. Had only 12 bu. of clover seed as it turned out very poorly this year.

Sunday 22. Snowed several inches last night. Thawing a little in the sun. at home all day. Have all the feeding to do which takes nearly half a day. Have all the stables full in the barn of horses, cows and calves. The ice has gone off the creek.

Monday 23. Walked into town as usual. Sold several drafts on N.Y. at $\frac{1}{2}$ percent for Treasury notes. Thawing. Roads are getting quite muddy. If it keeps so warm for a few days, they will be very bad. Took supper at Aunt Marys. Walked home. Froze up again. Gold 162.

Memoranda. Notes taken on Eastern trip September, 1863. Lancaster Co. Land worth from \$150. to \$200. per acre with & without improvements. Good land rents to tobacco growers @ \$15. to \$25. per acre.

March, Wednesday 11. A pleasant morning. Walked into town as usual. Business pretty brisk today. Gold is still going up again. Walked home. The roads are getting pretty good and with the fields are drying off fast. Evening. The sap ran pretty fast from the maple trees today. Carried up more than two big buckets full.

Thursday 12. Business as usual. Pleasant but a pretty cold north west wind blowing nearly all the time, which keeps the ground frozen. Took supper at Aunt Marys. Down on the ice with Mammy skating. Had no idea the skating was so good. The ice is not so very thick but as smooth as glass.

Friday 13. Down at my traps early in the morning. Have been trying to catch some mink with Abe's & Ross's steel traps but find it pretty poor business. Very pleasant weather but the ground keeps frozen. Took supper at Aunt Marys. With Aby & Abe Bowman at the Union school exhibition with Mammy. Could not hear much.

Sunday 15. A very pleasant day. Took a long walk over through the grove. Have had considerable wood cut this winter & a good many posts made. Looking at some old hollow trees to make a boat of. Guess it will be a great affair. Evening. Reading Messenger.

Saturday 14. See above. Very warm and pleasant. It is thawing the roads so that teaming is not so very good. A good deal of business today. Paid our taxes. Took supper at Aunt Marys. Not very much news now.

Monday 16. Walked into town as usual. Recited French lesson. Likes to study it very well. Do not think it very hard. Considerable business today. Sent off 1000 by express. Took supper at Aunt Marys. Trying to learn to sing a piece that was composed by one of the soldiers in 74 Regiment.

Tuesday 17. Tolerable. Pleasant in the morning. Going to sow wheat but broke the machine. A great many commenced this morning & yesterday. About noon raining and thundering terribly. Never saw such a storm. Lightning struck several places. One house on our road to town had the chimney & part of the side demolished.

Wednesday 18. Considerable business today. Sold a good many drafts. Lending very little money these times & there is very little demand for it except once in a while applicants for large amounts on long time with small interest. Very wet and stuffy going home.

Thursday 19. It is very strange how the time passes away and sometimes I can hardly remember what transpired day before yesterday. Whether it is owing to a laziness or idleness of my thoughts, I know not but it seems that it ought not so to be. But we pass too often such things idly by.

Friday 20. Walked into town. Snow pretty deep. Would be very good sleighing if it would only freeze. No business of any account today. Some writing & posting the book. Have very little news from the Army now. Think they are all making preparations for very important movements soon.

Saturday 21. Rode Rock into town. A good many people intown but very little business is being done. They are mainly that class who turn out on such muddy, slushy and disagreeable day as this is & do there principal business at the groceries & beer shops. Stayed for the mail.

Sunday 22. Very wet, damp and foggy out. In the house most all day. Playing on the garret with the children. In the afternoon took a walk up the creek. Creek pretty high. Water backed up to withing 2 or 3 feet of the big spring. Very foggy. Got dark very early.

Monday 23. Pretty pleasant in the morning. Rode Mozep in. Sold several large drafts. Roads are very bad almost impassible for teams to go. Rode home. Knitting at a fish net. Some pigeons flying. Pa shot one. Think I ought to write something of more importance in my diary than the mere little occurrences of every day life or at least

Tuesday 24. something that would be of more value & interest if I should chance to read it in after life. A pleasant day & if it keeps so will have dry roads after while. Very little business in the bank. Have very little business except what is of buying & selling exchange and gold of the last.

Wednesday 25. There is very little in the country. Most everyone having sold out at the high prices. It is now coming down very fast & is only 40 in Chicago. Another not very pleasant day. Pretty cold & scattering snow falling sometimes. Wind from the N.W. Scarcely any business. Finished the fish net at last.

Thursday 26. Up early. Ross & I crossed the creek after some pigeons. Had a hard time getting a corss as the creek is still pretty high. Had a nice little hunt however. Shot four pigeons before breakfast. A very Pleasant morning & day. Roads drying off quite fast. Think hereafter will leave off noting the weather undereach but keep

Friday 27. an account as it is arranged in the front of this book. In the evening after the mail. 4 at the ~~se~~minary. At the Philomathian society, the last evening this term. Had a very noisy time. The majority expect to be back & only made four of them who would make farewell speeches

Sunday 29. Quite pleasant this morning. Took a stroll down the creek. Harry over from Freeport. At Aunt Susans in the afternoon. No one but Anna & Abe at home. Had a very pleasant time conversing on different subjects & celebrating Abe's birthday. Went to meeting (Baptist) with Abe. A splendid starlight night.

April, Wednesday 1. At the Seminary exhibition last evening. A very pleasant evening. Up early finished the boat "Great Leviathan" and launched it. On this account got to town rather late. Not very much business for the first of April. At the seminary exercises in the evening. Crowded very much.

Thursday 2. Not very much business today. Very pleasant weather and a great deal like spring. They are sowing wheat but the ground is rather wet yet. Evening. Drilling wheat a little while. Like to get out and work a little sometimes after being in the bank all day.

Friday 3. Still quite pleasant. Rode Silverheels into town. Not much business today. This appears to be the record from day to day and I suppose will be all through the summer with very few exceptions. For there are very few people borrowing money now and very few of the merchants have to buy much exchange.

Saturday 4. Looking at some prairie fires last evening from the observatory. They look very nice at a distance when you can see the flames darting up and rolling on in the dry grass. Not very much business today.

Sunday 5. Strolling along the creek. Quite pleasant. Begins to look like spring once more. Have had a very dull winter, it seems to me. Have had no sleighing at all, no cheerful, beautiful, moonlight rides over the glistening snow to

Monday 6. remember it by, so the sooner it passes away out the beautiful spring comes with its singing birds & C. the better. We are so near the creek now we intend to have a boat as soon as it has been agreed as we can catch mink enough to buy one.

Wednesday 22. Brought Sarah & Ross into school in the buggy. Tolerable cold. Very little business today. Posting up the books. Had fire in the afternoon. Have a very dull time of it here in the office. Reading a good deal and studying Beadles dime book on etiquette. It seems as though one can't remember things read in such an ideal way.

Thursday 23. Walked into town this morning. Considerable business today. Still a little cool but things are beginning to grow nicely. Very pleasant. Beautiful moonlight nights now. Had an invitation to a party at Mrs. Ross this evening but do not care much about going. Would rather stay

Friday 24. at home and have things move along in their regular order than bother dressing and then be sleepy in the morning. The pleasure on most of such occasions does not pay for the trouble, is my opinion. A very pleasant day. Came in in the buggy with Sarah & Ross.

Saturday 25. Business as usual. Fixing up some old matter of interest. Interest is a great thing. It seems as though a man of means has only to place his money at interest and give it afterwards no care, and as years roll on this never ending interest is counted by dimes and dollars and even in a seemingly short periods by its hundreds & thousands.

Sunday 26. So it is with the little and almost insignificant things of this world. An hour is a very short time but as hours pass by so days

and years until a life time has glided over our heads and we are scarcely the wiser and better of it. What thoughts enter a persons mind upon a

Monday 27. moments reflection. Now our country is engaged in a terrible war but what a short time will it be before it is all ended for the better or worse. I have many other thoughts in my mind that would fill whole pages if I were able to write them. Rather a dull day. Look a little for rain. Helping in the evening to burn brush heaps around the house.

Tuesday 28. Raining a little. A good shower is very much needed after the long dry spell we have had to freshen things up a little. Most everything is beginning to bud out. Have about stopped feeding the cattle. Considerable business.

May 16, Saturday. Have not written in my diary for sometime, as there was nothing of interest to write about. Helping to plant corn and in the Bank. We are having very pleasant weather. Everything is growing nice. Mr. Reist & Mrs. Gorgas are here. Looking into the affairs of the Bank. Talking some of starting a National Bank under the new Banking law.

Sunday 17. A pleasant morning. Drove Mr. Reist & Gorgas into church. At Methodist Sunday School. At Baptist Meeting. Meeting & Sunday School. Took supper at Aunt Marys who went along out in the buggy. Anne & Aunt Susan over in the evening. Had a very pleasant chat.

Monday 18. Up early helping the folks off fishing. They all went but only caught two fish. Drove in in the little wagon with Aunt Mary. Took 6 bu. of lime home which is now selling for .25 per bu. Sold a couple of drafts which was all the business today.

Tuesday 19. All came in in the spring waggon. Meeting of the Stockholders Mr. Gorgas, Reist & Pa discussing the affairs of the Bank all day. Intend closing out the firm of H.R. & Co. if possible in some manner. With Mother having Sarah & Susans photographs taken at Mr. Bitners. A very important day as regards the bank

Wednesday 20. and myself so far as I am connected with it. Pa commences the Banking this day on his own account. We have such dreadfull dull times in this line of business that will hardly pay any one I am affraid. Mr. Gorgas & Reist started home.

Thursday 21. Opening the books for the new bank. Pa. Drew my wages standing back from H. R. & Co., 1 year & one month at \$18. per month \$234. Deposited \$230. with Pa. & I have often said before "business dull." Not much war news just now. Is getting warmer every day.

Friday 22. Not very much business today. Recited my french lesson again to Mrs. Tompkins. Have been neglecting it for the past 3 or 4 weeks. Intend to recite regularly now every other day.

Saturday 23. A good many teems in town today but not much doing in the banking business. Took supper at Aunt Marys. With Abe Bowman to the Duncard Grove feast. Think that some of the young girls dressed in their plain caps performing this solemn rite

Sunday 24. look quite beautiful. At least they were striking types of innocence and purity. At church Mr. Kyle preached. Expected to start to Chicago in the morning on an excursion train but find it does not go. At Aunt Marys who is sick. Out at the depot to see the car come in with many who went to Freeport.

Monday 25. Nothing of importance transpired today. Old Manep took sick with the colic. Were affraid he would die but got over it. Cloudy and sprinkling a little. Vicksburg reported captured by the Union forces. under General Grant. Hope it is so.

June, Wednesday 3. Some business. Sold several drafts. You will perceive that I always write in my diary about business. The reason is that it seems as though I had nothing else to write about. It is that which engrosses most of my attention but I suppose many a one would fill this book with a great deal more interesting matter and many

Thursday 4. with mere foolishness. If what I write will not be worth reading in years to come, I hope it will not be of the latter quality. In regard to the use of diary writing it is various and can only be of use if made so by the writer. In the first place it might be made the record of passing events either of a very

Friday 5. private nature or of public consequence. And as the space for recording these things is very limited and with care it will create in the writer the habit of expressing himself in the fewest possible words when necessary. I say with care for nothing of any value can be obtained without it. In the previous pages of this little book I perceive I have been very careless.

Saturday 6. Sometimes leaving several days pass by without writing. Therefore I may add that these precepts are of no account unless put into practice. A very pleasant day but pretty cold in the morning. A very dull day, although it is Saturday. I begin to think that business is beginning to get very poor. Got in rather late to the musical convention.

Sunday 7. A pleasant day. Morning, fixing up a swing for the children on the old oak tree near the house. Tolerable cool. Reading some in Byron Do not think so very much of it. Never did like poetry very much. Probably because have not read enough to be able to express an opinion. I may come to like it.

Monday 8. A pleasant morning. Rode the colt Jenty into town. Went very well as far as Haldermans when she got scared and left me laying flat upon the ground and made straight for home. Walked back and got here & rode in again. A dull day. Rode into the Musical Convention in the evening. Have a very bad cold.

Tuesday 9. Pa went to town today. At home laying up fence to enclose a pasture for the hogs. Killed three little skunks out of a half dozen that had come out of their nest to play in the leaves down near the big boulder rock. Shot two rabbits from the front door in the afternoon.

Monday 15. Fixed up the reaper and cutting hay all day. Very warm. Most too soon to make hay but are cutting the grass in the piece fenced off for the hogs. Talking of starting to Chicago on an excursion tomorrow. Round trip only two dollars.

Tuesday 16. Walked out to the depot and started for Chicago with a crowd of excursionists. \$2. for the round trip. Rode in the cars all day. Arrived at the city about 5 o'clock in evening. All went to Mr. Officers from there Abe Bowman & I went to the Briggs house. Evening all went to the Opera at McVickers Theater. Tickets \$1.00.

Wednesday 17. Slept on a cot in the Briggs House parlor last night. Up early on top of the Court House had a fine view of the city & the lake. Forenoon, shopping with the ladies. Bought some matting for Mother. Anne & I after hunting up and down Lake Street found a stereoscope. At a photograph gallery saw some very fine pictures through it. To dinner at Mr. Officers and started for the depot about 2 o'clock. Had considerable trouble getting seats in the cars but got good ones for all our party at last. Had a pretty jolly time going home. Arrived in Mt. Carroll at 3 o'clock in the morning. Slept till about 11 o'clock. Missed breakfast. Folks did not know I had got home, as I crawled in at the window.

Tuesday 30. In the bank posting up the books. Have been working on the farm making hay. Mowing with the Reaper in the big slough which is quite dry and passable almost any where. We got all we had mowed in without any rain.

July 1, Wednesday. Mowing in the large timothy field all day. Poor old Fonto got in the reaper and was cut so badly had to shoot him. Finished Hypertia yesterday. A strange kind of story. Cloudy all day but cleared off & pleasant in evening.

Thursday 2. Walked into town. Balanced the ledger. A very dull day.

Saturday 4. At home fishing & strolling through the woods to about 2 O'clock. Went to town, saw the last part of the Mt. Carroll celebration, heard part of the toasts read etc. Evening, at festival in Court house for the benefit of the soldiers. Took part in the dance & had a pleasant time.

Wednesday 15. Helping haul in hay in the forenoon. Afternoon, cutting with the reaper. In this way have been working for the last 2 or 3 weeks and have made near 150 tons of good hay as we have had such excellent weather. None got wet.

Thursday 16. Helping them haul in hay and helping them in the mow which is full clear up to the roof. More than ever was put in the barn before and as much as can be put in. Hauled in the last load. Skinned a large rattle snake.

Friday 17. Helping them start the reaper to begin the spring wheat. Then walked to town. Very little business in the bank. Posting up the books.

Saturday 18. Forking off the reaper in the oats which is pretty heavy and green.

Sunday 19. Raining very heavy. At home all day.

Monday 20. Too wet to harvest. Went to town. No business.

Tuesday 21. Forking off wheat all day. Finished harvesting.

Wednesday 22. In town. No business.

Thursday 23. In town. No business.

Friday 24. Commenced hauling in fall wheat. Pitching sheaves & mowing it in the barn.

Saturday 25. Finished hauling in the fall wheat and commenced on the spring wheat. Can & like to work very well but would not like to make my living in that way for several reasons. First, it is nothing but mere muscular action requiring no mental ability what ever, so that I can scarcely do as much as a man of the lowest grade. Indeed, I never will stand it. I must do something better to live for, must improve my mind & fit myself for some other capacity in life.

Sunday 26. At home all day. Reading Nobles "Plenary Inspiration of the Scriptures". Took a walk through the grove in the afternoon and the children a ride in the old boat. Very windy today. A pleasant evening but pretty cold. May have some frost.

August, Wednesday 6. In town once more. Not much business today. We have finished hauling in our grain and have it all safely stored in the barn. Did not have very much. It is the best way when wages are so high. Harvest hands \$2.00, for pitching \$1.25 per day. It does not pay with poor crops.

Thursday 6. A day of Thanksgiving and prayer as set apart by the President (Lincoln). Attended meeting in the Baptist Church & listened to a very good sermon by Rev. M. Lingle. Took a ride round by the old place which still looks a good deal like home.

Friday 7. At home picking blackberries. They are beginning to get ripe but the people slip in & get as many as we do, although we have been posting up notices trying to keep them out by posting up notices on the bridge and along the fence.

Saturday 8. I see on looking at my diary that I have left several empty pages again for the simple reason that I have had nothing to write about but have been going through the same daily routine of hauling in grain. Today was in town once more & balanced the ledger for July. Not very much business.

Sunday 9. Raining hard this morning. When I got awakened from sleeping in my room, the room above the kitchen at the foot of the garret stairs. While writing this, am sitting on an old stump over in the grove watching that some boys who are down at the creek do not come over & pick all the blackberries.

Monday 10. Rode out to Plum River today hunting two cows we have lost. Rode all over the hills along the Galena Road and the high hills on the other side of the River. Could not find the cattle. Raining a little.

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Tuesday 11. "Who can tell what a day may bring forth." Up in the morning, took breakfast as usual & what. At 10 o'clock started for the Capital of the U.S.. Reached Chicago in the evening, took supper there & started for Baltimore with Aunt Susan to see cousin John at W. D. C.

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Wednesday 12. A rattling through the high woods of Indiana all night. Took our breakfast at Crestlina. On through the back woods of Ohio. Can scarcely realize where I am. Took our dinner at Allina. A very good one.

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Thursday 13. Took sleeping cars at Pittsburg about three o'clock yesterday. Arrived in Harrisburg about one last night, just ten minutes too late for the Baltimore train. Walked over to Uncle John Bowmans. Started for Washington at 1 o'clock, passed through Baltimore in the evening, arrived in W. about 11 o'clock.

Friday 14. After taking breakfast at the Kirkwood house, took a carriage & drove to Lincoln Hospital. Afternoon, through the Capitol. In the Senate & House of Representatives they look very gorgeous. The Capitol building is magnificent. The grounds are very nice. Evening, took up our quarters at a house near the hospital.

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Saturday 15. Walked down to the Capitol. Looking at the figures & statues in front which are very fine & emblematic. Through the gardens where there are plants from every clime. At the Smithsonian Institute. Examined the lower galleries filled with birds, animals etc.

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Sunday 16. Walked down to the Capitol which is closed on this day. Examining the statues, the fish pond, the fountains. Admiring the massive columns & arch ways all of the whitish marble. Afternoon, looking at a cavalry drill. With John in the evening. Talking.

Monday 17. In the White House; Aunt Susan & I walked down to the Capitol. then on the streetcars to Dr. Abbot Med. Director, then to Surgeon Gen. office, then to Sec. Stantons but could not get a furlough or transfer for John. To the Institute through the whole building, saw the presents from Japan, the Indian paintings etc.

Tuesday 18. Walked down to the city & sent a carriage up to the hospital for John & Aunt Susan. Just $\frac{1}{2}$ of an hour at the Patent Office. Started for Baltimore at eleven. On top of the Washington Monument. Baltimore. Arrived at Bridgeport at 7. Evening.

Sunday 23. A very warm day. Took a ride with Henry & George Bowman round By Uncle Sam's, saw Uncle Jo, Ross & Aunt Mary. Evening, pleasant. George & I called on some ladies. Went to meeting four came home & had a pleasant chat & went home.

Monday 24. Got up early & walked to Shiremanstown. Took the cars to Michanicsburg. Stopped with Sim. Down to Sporting Green in swimming in the Canagoquist. The water is very clear. Evening, very pleasant. Sim & I called on some ladies. Before went to bed played a game of chess.

Tuesday 25. Grandmother called us up. Forenoon, rode out of town. Afternoon, went fishing for trout. Rained very heavy, stayed in a blacksmith shop, made supper then on some bread & milk that Sim got at a farm house. Did not catch any trout. Uncle Sol caught four. Stayed with Sol this night.

Wednesday 26. Looking round town. Afternoon, we went down to Mr. Croswells where there were a large collection of relations and friends. Evening, Sim & I called on a very pretty & agreeable lady. Told Sim Must be a future Aunt or niece. Promenaded down street, got acquainted with several ladies.

Thursday 27. Running round forenoon getting toems to go gissing. At Uncle Wn. Gorges a large party of friends & acquaintances. Evening went gissing in the Camagoinit, too moonlight did not get any fish, got home at 3 in morning, slept until 11 morning & took dinner

Friday 28. at Grandmothers. Afternoon wrote to Abe. Playing chess.

Saturday 29. Dressed up to go a fishing for trout. Fished a little & went to Uncle Sams. A large party again of all the "franchoff", took dinner in the old house. Evening, rode out to the pike with Sam & as is the custom, stopped at the hotel to take a drink & I drink lemonade when I can get it & I would that all my friends would do the same

Sunday 30. but it would be a difficult matter to break up such old habits and customs. Had a sound sleep in the old house last night in room at right hand at head of stairs. Sam drove us up to Mechanicsburg, went to Methodist Meeting with Grandmother, went to bed early & slept sound.

Monday 31. Forenoon, Sim & I drove down to Uncle Wms. & round by Sams. Saw Aunt Susan at Dresbachs. Afternoon, along with Sim to Bank. Evening, along with crowd, pretty heavy time, do not like this way of carrying on must either get nearly drunk & sometimes altogether or stay away. Sim says best fellows in town but cannot see it.

September, Tuesday 1. Pretty cold at night. Now forenoon, wrote to Annie & loafing around with Sim's crowd at R.R. Depot. Would not live here & lead this kind of a life, in other respects like Mechanicsbury. Evening, had the pleasure of a promenade with a right pretty little girl & then of going on a (Round) the results bad enough.

Wednesday 2. Up early. Eleven o'clock started for Philadelphia with Aunt Mary Ross between 11 & 1 in Harrisburg, arrived in City at 5 P.M. Evening, Uncle Joseph & I took a walk through the city. Listened to a serenade in front of the Continental by a good band.

Thursday 3. Up pretty early, took a walk before breakfast up 11th St., walked down to Market & down to the wharf across to Camden on the ferry. In the old State House saw old Bill etc. Looked over the city from Crepuld. P. M. Up Broad Street to Cemitary etc. To Musical Fund Hall to see the Ghost. Very good.

Friday 4. Down at the Mint, all through it, very interesting. Afternoon, with Aunt Mary to the Penitentiary, the House of Riffing, The Girard College & the Farmount Waterworks. Bought a ticket to Chicago for \$16. Rode home on the street cars which run nearly all over the City. Evening, played a couple games of chess with Uncle Joe etc.

Saturday 5. Started for Lancaster at 7:30 in morning where arrived at 10:30. Stopped at Coopers, called on Mrs. Stoner. At 3 took stage for Oregon. Arrived there at 5 & walked to Mr. Keists, a very pleasant place. Wrote home. The folks here all speak German wish I could understand better.

Sunday 6. Slept well last night for the first one in Lancaster County. With Mr. Keist on Kissel Hill to see a fish net. Afternoon to Methodist Meeting. German Preacher. Some hollowing and jumping. Saw Israel Hostetter, also called with folks on Simon Hostetter who spoke of Uncle John's School Teaching here.

Monday 7. A pleasant morning. Drove out on the pike, looking at the country generally. Every where we go the people talk Dutch, indeed it is the language here & English the exception. Over the farm with Mr. Keist would not like to plow here. It scratches & bumps along through the stone too much. Have the fund of knocking down nice ripe pears.

Tuesday 8. Up pretty early this morning & over to Oregon with Mr. Keist in time for the stage. Arrived in Lancaster about 10, took the cars for Landisville at 11, arrived at nearly 12, walked to Uncle Jacobs 2 miles. No one at home but Annie. Had a very pleasant talk with her all afternoon & got acquainted. Evening, Aunts & Uncle Jacob came home.

Wednesday 9. Up pretty early saw Uncle Jacob start to market. Forenoon, gathering some flower seeds & talking. Afternoon, visited the grave yard where Grandfather & Mother & Greatgrandfather & Mother are buried, also, visited Grandfather's old place where Pa was born and raised. Down at the creek below the old house & at the old spring.

Thursday 10. Forenoon, at Uncle Jacobs looking around the place. Afternoon started with Annie & Aunt to John Summy. Pretty rough & dusty going on the pike. Passed some places on the road. Very dusty & rough. Found the place at last and stayed all night.

Friday 11. Started for Marietta, saw the piers of the Columbia bridge from the road. Arrived at Cousin Abe Summys, has a very fine wife. Took dinner & supper here. Took a walk with Cousin up the town. Considerable of a place stretched along the river.

Saturday 12. Arrived at Aunt Ebys last evening and stayed all night. Visited Ben Stamans, Abram Landises & Henry Kurtz, had a very pleasant time all round. Commenced raining in the evening but started home, got very dark, could not see the road. Rain pouring down & a blind horse. Got home safe, drove 6 miles.

Sunday 13. Took the Ladies cousin Annie & Miss Annie Kurtz up to Dan Hesses, some cousins of Annie. Very good looking ladies. Mr. Hess was well acquainted with Pa & Uncle John. Drove home over Chestnut Hill. On the way listened to the ladies singing. Weather is not settled yet. Will have some more rain.

Monday 14. Rained a little last night but clearing off. Annie & I started for Harrisburg where we arrived safe & stopped at Dr. Nichol's. Got a letter from home that had been advanced. We visited the State House & were all through. Sat in the old chair of John Hancock. Took a walk up from street. Expected to hear Gen. Buth this evening

Tuesday 15. but he did not come. A pleasant morning. Walked over with Dr. Nichols to Uncle John Bowmans, walked 1 mile in 13 minutes, got two letters from home here. They are all well but Mother thinks we have been gone a long time from home. It is 5 weeks today but does not seem more than 2 to me. Started home at 4 o'clock where we arrived safe having had a pleasant journey.

Wednesday 16. Up early went with Uncle Jacob to the Lancaster Market. A good many people there. Went out to Mrs. Simon Reists with Nancy Roher. A damp foggy morning. Looking round over the place a large house and good farm with things fixed very convenient and agreeable. Farmers are just beginning to seed. After manuring & plowing, then harrowing & rolling they disk and harrow in the grain.

Thursday 17. After breakfast of Mrs. Reists with Abram Landis & Wife & Aunt Roher drove Mrs. Reist to a very large funeral of a Young lady, Maria Summy. Saw Peter Summy there, also Abram & Wife. Went from there with Uncle Jacob & Annie to Lancaster for Aunt S. Stopped at Mrs. Stoners. A Democratic Meeting in town. A good many drunk.

Friday 18. Up pretty early this morning, cloudy & rainy. Some very heavy showers through the day. Evening, clearing off but windy & colder. Wrote to Mother & Aunt Martha. Looking at the setting sun going down among the clouds away out towards home. A pretty moonlight evening. Annie is setting at the other side of the table writing a letter.

Saturday 19. Up early this morning and along with Uncle Jacob to market helping him sell some apples. Had some fun with our customers. They wanted to know if we were not in partnership. Drove home in time for dinner. Afternoon Uncle & I cutting off tobacco. First time I ever worked at it. Tacked up 2 loads and hauled one into the barn. Pretty cold.

Sunday 20. Pretty cold morning. Had a little frost in the low grounds but did not damage anything. Annie & I walked over to Mr. Trouts on Chestnut Hill. Have a fine view of the surrounding country from this hill. Evening with Uncle up to Johnny Freezes, saw the whole family all well,

Monday 21. and pleased to see us. Thought I would start to Cumberland today but guess will wait till Aunt Susan comes up from Lancaster. Helping Uncle Jacob plow in the field East of the orchard, punching the weeds from in front of the plow & whipping the old horse. Evening, playing Dominoes with Annie and George Trout. Pleasant.

Tuesday 22. Helping Uncle Jacob cut off his tobacco. Cut it all off. A good many stones in the field. Some places could hardly cut into the ground for them & this is considered very good land. Things appear to grow well enough, but it is from the manure they have put on it. Helping nail up the tobacco too. Pretty cold in evening.

Wednesday 23. Took Aunt & Annie over to Killersville, took dinner at Cousin Matty Stamans. Afternoon visited the Normal school all through the buildings which are pretty extensive. There was no school & no one in the building. Evening coming home, came up the hill where Mother broke her foot.

Thursday 24. Started for Manheim to see Emanuel Hostetter where we had a very pleasant visit, started home & stopped to see Abram Kaffman's place with Dr. Snaveley & Mrs. Lizzie Hostetter where we were entertained very hospitably. This is a very fine place and fixed up with a great deal of expense. Had a very pleasant moonlight evening to come home.

Friday 25. Quite wet and raining a little this morning. Wrote a letter home and carried it up to the P. O.. Afternoon at an old grave yard back of Uncle Jacobs where Grandfather Lichty is buried. Evening, rode old Elick over Chestnut Hill to Aron Summys, spent a very pleasant evening there, rode home about 9 o'clock. Moonlight & pleasant.

Saturday 26. Up early, went with Uncle Jacob to Market. Got home at ten and started to the Depot with Aunt Susan. Bid the friends good-by & started for Harrisburg. Changed cars, left Aunt off at Bridgeport. Arrived in Mechanicsburg at 2 O'clock, found all the folks all well but Aunt Jenny who has been sick. Pleasant evening.

Sunday 27. Took a good sleep this morning, went out with Uncle Sol to Mr. Rupps. His father-in-law had a good dinner. When Uncle & Aunt Jenny drove down to Sams to get his horse, he was not at home. Made arrangements to start to Gettysburg in the morning. Will be a pretty good frost tonight.

Monday 28. Started for Gettysburg early this morning with Uncle Sol in a one horse buggy. Stopped at Carlisle at the Bank where Sol paid his 300 dollars he having been drafted. Took dinner at Mount Holly at the foot of the mountains. Along here the scenery is very beautiful. Arrived in Gettysburg 6 o'clock, having drove about 35 miles. Drove through the town saw some of the bullet marks on the houses.

Tuesday 29. Up early. Saw the sun rise over the battle field & over the great little town of Gettysburg. Procured a guide and started with Uncle to walk over the great battle field. It is wonderfull to see and on one can scarcely describe it. Found a good many bullets and pieces of shells. Afternoon, started for home again.

Wednesday 30. Stayed all night last night at Mount Holly. Uncle & I hunting ducks & pheasants on the mountains. Through one of the paper mills here. On the road home hunting. After got home in the afternoon saw Aunt Susan & Uncle Dresbach off in their carriage & in a few minutes after the horse ran away hurting them both pretty badly.

October, Thursday 1. Set up last night until 3 o'clock with Aunt & Uncle. They were both insensible until after they were brought into the house. Uncle was cut pretty badly. Aunt was very much stunned & bruised. Down at Uncle Sol store most of the time. Set up again this evening until 2 o'clock. They are getting better.

Friday 2. Up at 4. Went hunting with Sim & a couple of other fellows down to York County. Raining nearly all day. Came home in the rain & got all wet. Only got 9 Partridges for the whole crowd. Took supper at Uncle Sols. Spent most of the evening with Aunt Jenny & Sallie.

Saturday 3. Took a good long sleep this morning with Sim. Not doing much of anything through the day. Evening, to a large Republican Meeting. Listened to some of the speeches here. After meeting with Sim on a regular— It is a pity & I do wish there could be something done & at 3 o'clock went to bed at Hotel.

Sunday 4. Up late this morning at the R. R. Hotel, took a couple of mouthfulls of breakfast. Not very well. Could not & would not live in this place & carry on the way it has been going for the last few days. Aunt Susan has been walking & Uncle is going home today. Went along down with Nile Dresbach. Over at the old grave yard and at

Monday 5. Meeting in the evening but had to walk up to Oysters Point first. Do not like this country on this account. In plain words it is making drunkards of some of the finest of the young men here. To besure they should keep out of such things but it seems to be a kind of established custom. Went up to Mechanicsburg.

Tuesday 6. Getting things ready to start home. Aunt Jenny made a cover for my musket and have everything else in readiness. Took all our things up to Grandmothers, bid the folks all goodby & started for White Hall. A great time bidding the folks good-by here but at last we got through with them all & went to bed. Up at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday 7. Took breakfast at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12, & started for Harrisburg. Had to wait a little while on the cars but at last got started. Arrived in Pittsburg at one after traveling over the mountains where the scenery is magnificent this time of the year. Stopped here & found cousin David Hostetter at Oakland. Raining & very dirty.

Thursday 8. Oakland is a very pleasant place. A great many residences here of wealthy Pittsburgers. Had a very pleasant time at Cousins. 11 o'clock took the street cars & rode down to the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne Depot where we had to wait a good while for the train. A very poor depot. At last got started. Had to

Friday 9. put my gun & saber that I found near Gettysburg in the Baggage car. Slept a little now & then while we were rolling the Ohio & Indiana back woods. Morning still raining & drizzling a little. Arrived in Chicago at 9 o'clock this morning, stopped at the Briggs & went up to Mr. Officers. Found Aunt Ann there unexpectedly & that

Saturday 10. Mother had been there the day before. Stopped all night with Mr. Officers last night, started with Aunt Ann & Susan for Freeport at 8:45. The rain is over for a while at last. Had a very pleasant time. Arrived at Freeport 2:50 P.M. All safe & sound. Running round with Harry. Stayed all night

Sunday 11. at Uncles. Went to the Episcopal Church to Meeting. They have a great deal of form & ceremony in their worship. Afternoon, took a ride with Uncle Wm. around the city and into the country where we had a fine view of the Grand Old Prairies once again no rocks & stones.

Monday 12. Up early this morning. Rode down town with Uncle. Raining very disagreeable. Started home at 2:50 P.M. As we were passing along, felt like Hurrahing for the Prairie, the grand old prairie. We could live & farm in such a rocky country as old Penn. There stands our house & the grove. Now we are at the depot & now rolling into the great city of Carroll.

Tuesday 13. Everybody was glad to see us home once more. I was even a little pleased myself to be at home once more. But got into poor business the first day, running after hogs all forenoon and helping with the cattle. Afternoon, took Mother over to Aunt Susans. Pleasant time went with Annie to the depot for the trunk. Evening, unpacked the curiosities from the battle field of Gettysburg.

Wednesday 14. Herding the cattle in the field all day. Have about 75 now. How different is this from traveling in the East visiting Cities and great battle fields but such things cannot last one must work sometimes. This being the case I am contented for the present. Good night.

Thursday 15. Took Mother into Mrs. Haldermans. Down at the office. Took supper at Mrs. Haldermans. Evening, in at Aunt Marys. Music, singing & trying to dance a little.

Friday 16. In the office. No business. Busy posting up the books which are two months back. Will have a pretty big job of it. Redding up the old office, sweeping down the cobwebs once.

Saturday 17. Herding cattle. After some wild geese that lit over near the R. R. cars. Scared them up before I got there. Up the creek after ducks. Raining, pouring down, got soaking wet. Cold & raining all afternoon. "Bless me this is pleasant hunting in the rain."

Sunday 18. At home all day. Windy and very disagreeable. Cold & chilly out of doors. Minding the cattle & reading a little.

Monday 19. In the Bank. Busy all day posting books. Some business.

Tuesday 20. In the office. Busy posting the books. Mother came in selecting cloth for a suit. Could not decide on any, went home for Pa. Driving up the cattle & drove them to the depot and helped load them in the cars. Evening stayed & saw them off.

Wednesday 21. In the office. Not very much business. Trying to write some letters but somebody running in and interrupting me, so I got very few written. It is now so long since we have got home & I have not written to anybody yet scarcely.

Thursday 22. In the office. Scrubing and cleaning out. Hired a woman to help. Everything is very dirty. Blacked the stove etc. Afternoon, posting books until after the mail came in. Late going home through quite a snow storm. Very wintry. Snow several inches deep.

Friday 23. Redding up things and hard at work at the books. Not very much business now. Sawing some wood in the old drug store that I threw in at the back window. Pa got back from Chicago in the 4 o'clock train. At soldiers aid Society.

Saturday 24. Rode in with Pa in the buggy. Considerable business today. Posting at the books. Our new hired man is going to leave us. Have a great trouble getting hands & wages very high. Do not like farming on this account. Evening, played a game of chess with Abe.

Sunday 25. A Pleasant day for once after the snow storm. Over at Mr. Rohers. In the evening at Mr. Grosses. Very pleasant. Think of starting to school next Thursday if I can get ready. Look forward with a good deal of anxiety, wish I was there and rightly started. Good night. Late, 10 o'clock.

Monday 26. In the office. Busy posting and balancing the books. Considerable business. Sold some drafts. I think I would like this business very much if there was only enough doing to make it pay. The exchange business is especially very nice if the

Tuesday 27. money is kept moving constantly. Today very little business again. Getting things ready to start for school next Thursday. Pleasant weather. The roads are getting good again. Hunting hands to thrash.

Wednesday 28. A little more business to day. Sold several drafts and lent some money. Discount 1 per cent a month now for short loans. Used to be as high as 13 + 2. Still posting and working at the books. Amos's brother John came & Aunt Regina. Cannot

Thursday 29. start to school now as I had expected today. In the office. Very quiet. Raining nearly all day. Writting letters to some of the folks back east. Rode home through the rain. Very disagreeable. Getting colder.

Friday 30. When I woke up this morning, the ground is covered with snow. Looks quite wintery. Sawing wood to do through the day before breakfast. All the hands are busy thrashing.

Saturday 31. Roads very bad. Sawing wood again. Pa went to town. Went hunting up the creek. Shot several ducks but only brought 2 home. Turkey Roast. A good many friends here, Cousin John Hostetter etc. Had a very pleasant time in the evening.

November, Sunday 1. Tolerable pleasant but roads muddy. Went with cousin Sam Lingle to Meeting, heard the Rev. Campbell preach. Evening over at Mr. Shirks. Had a very pleasant time. Rode home on horse back. Beginning to rain a little.

Monday 2. In the office perhaps the last time for a good while. Straightening every thing up so as to start to school to Chicago tomorrow. Evening, gathering up my books etc. Cousin John with me. Got to bed pretty late.

Tuesday 3. Started for Chicago in the morning train. Arrived all safe in the City in the evening. Hired a carriage & drove to the University & after troubling the Matron considerable to find a bed got one at last in another schollar's room. Went to bed early but did not go to sleep very early.

Wednesday 4. Attended chapel with the rest of the students. Waiting for Dr. Burroughs. Did not come. Examined in mathematics by Prof. Sawyer. Went down to the city. Left package of (\$1000.) at bank, went all through the great fare. It is wonderfull. All that it is said to be. At University in time for supper.

Thursday 5. Got a room No. 3 on upper story. Although pretty high up is as pleasant as any of them. Saw Dr. Burroughs who classifies me in the Junior class in Metaphysics & in French & a Sophomore in German. To hear these classes recite will have to study hard to keep along with them. Supper as usual at 6 o'clock, tea etc.

Friday 6. Working pretty hard to get 4 questions in Algebra which Prof. Sawyer picked out to try me on that study. Got them solved at last and demonstrated them to him correctly. He has now given me 8 propositions in Geometry to demonstrate by Monday at 11 o'clock. French will go pretty hard with me. Must study.

Saturday 7. Up at 6, breakfast at 7. Went down to the city, called at the Bank & saw Mr. Scammon. Called on Mr. Marsh, Rapp & Tridel, took dinner at Mr. Tridels. Saw the Kenzies St. Bridge ruins. Called at Mr. Officers, saw Mrs. Officer. Rode up in the street cars.

Sunday 8. Up at ringing of the bell. Dressed to go to Church. Breakfast. Rode down in the street cars. Got there before Church. Sexton showed me into Mr. Scammon's pew. When Mr. Officer came in, I went to theirs. Took dinner at Mr. Officers. Like Mrs. Officer very much. With Mr. Wilson to his room. Took supper at Mr. Officers & went to lecture in evening.

Monday 9. Got home all right in the street cars last night. Trying to get my lessons but can hardly do it. Got through pretty well though. My French will go the hardest, as the class are pretty far advanced. In German I can get along very easily. Metaphysics is pretty hard. Pretty cold day.

Tuesday 10. Up in the morning & down to breakfast at 7 o'clock P. M. Recited in German pretty well. Was not called on to recite in Metaphysics. French excused. At 3 o'clock school is out. Sawing some wood and playing pretty hard at Gould. Think I am taking exercise enough.

Wednesday 11. Same routine of affairs every day now. Am getting along pretty well with my lessons. We always have a good dinner but light suppers with weak tea. Take some exercise every evening wither sawing wood or playing with the boys. Had quite a fire over in camp today.

Thursday 12. A fine day. Got through pretty well with my lessons. Afternoon took a walk with my book out on the lake. The wind pretty strong & the waves roll up on the beach pretty high. They look beautifull and grand. Evening, alone studying my german lesson.

Friday 13. Everything goes on as usual. Find it pretty hard to get my lessons perfectly. Cannot keep my mind fixed on what I am studying. It is continually wandering off, and I find myself quite often thinking of the dear folks at home. Afternoon, drilled with the cadets.

Saturday 14. No school today. Planing off some boards to make a hanging shelf and sawing wood. A damp disagreeable day out of doors. Afternoon, Studying my german lesson and reading in new history Webers Outline which we are going to study.

Sunday 15. A rainy and disagreeable day, but went down to Mr. Officers and with them to Church. The new organ played for the first time. After reading "John Halifax" Mrs. Officer & I Had a very pleasant afternoon. Took supper with them and went to the Lecture at the Church by Mr. Hibbard. A dark night.

Monday 16. Up early, studying before breakfast. We all had the pleasure of seeing our govenor Yates and listening to a few remarks by him in the chapel. Getting along pretty well now in my studies. Commenced to study history of the Middle Ages.

Tuesday 17. Everything passed on as usual. Had my lessons pretty well but not as well as I expect to get them when I get rightly used to studying which is soon time. This I may say is my last day as a boy. Tomorrow in the eyes of the world I will be a man, "of age".

Wednesday 18. I can scarcely realize it, and I wish almost that it were not so. May I be able to perform faithfully the part in this life that will be allotted to me. Yes, just 21 years ago between the hours of 3 & 4 in the morning I was born in the good old State of Penn. in Cumberland County. Went through with my lessons as usual. Evening went down to the City to a social gathering at the Church. Had a pretty pleasant time, got acquainted with some of the young men.

Thursday 19. Well, my birthday is over and the world is none the wiser of it. No one but my own self thought or knew anything about it. It was only important as concerning myself. Get along pretty well with my lessons but not as well as I would like yet. We had a sociable here at the college & a good supper given by the Ladies of Chi.

Friday 20. Went through the same order of recitations as usual. Afternoon drilling with the "other boys" alias the University Cadets. Went through the skemish drill. Pretty hard work for the poor soldiers. Evening admitted as a member of the Atheneum Society of the University.

Saturday 21. A pleasant day. Trying to study in the forenoon. P. M. went down to the city. After purchasing several small articles neckties etc. went to the Art Gallery of the N. W. Fare at McVickers. A very fine collection, the finest I ever saw. One could spend more than a day pleasantly here.

Sunday 22. A very pleasant fresh morning. Down to church with Mr. Officer. Had the honor to dine at H. J. Y. Scammon with Mr. & Mr. Officer after church by his invitation. Was through his conservatory where has a great many plants. After dinner spent time in his Library looking at & reading a few of his many books.

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Monday 23. Evening to Mr. Hibbard's Lecture. Took supper at Mr. Officers with Mr. Wilson. Another week is now before me. Got along very well with my lessons today. Was called upon for the first time to recite in Metaphysics by Dr. Burrows. Stammered through after being asked a good

Tuesday 24. many questions. Had no French or Metaphysic recitation today and as is too much the case with me generally I felt myself relieved for the time being and did not study my lessons for tomorrow, as I should have done this afternoon. Sawing wood etc.

Wednesday 25. Got along very well with my lessons, although I really did not have them as well as I should. Pretty cold weather here now, that is, a strong cold wind blowing nearly all the time. Received a letter from Pa and Uncle Sim.

Thursday 26. Thanksgiving day by proclamation of the President & Governor. No school. Listend to a very true and patriotic sermon at the First Baptist Church in the City by Rev. H. Everts. At 5 o'clock we had a grand dinner here, 4 roast turkeys and other things to match. Pleasant but windy as usual.

Friday 27. Up early, studying hard. Afraid will not have all my lessons. Got through very well though as Dr. B. gave us a lecture in stead of hearing us recite our Metaphysics. P. M. Feel quite relieved once more. What a glorious prospect every Friday afternoon no recitations until Monday.

Saturday 28. Made my first speech in the Athenaeum society. Think some of the members were inclined to smile a little at my vain attempts to refute the arguments of my opponent. Wrote several letters. Sawing wood and trying to study a little, although it seems this evening that I have not learned very much. Quite a snow storm out today.

Sunday 29. A cold clear morning. Went to Church as usual, came up for my dinner the first time I have taken dinner on Sunday here yet. My chum (Brown) is sick in bed. Have to bring him his meals. Evening, after supper went down to the lecture by Mr. Hibbard, a very interesting and instructive one on the Deluge & Noah. A cold but bright clear evening. Went home.

Monday 30. Up just in time for breakfast as usual. Got along very well today. No Metaphysics. Getting a little pleasanter after the very cold spell we have had. Some of the boys were out skating on a pond near the University but what is the worthwhile in writing such stuff in a diary.

Tuesday, December 1. Recitations as usual, German at 10 P.M., Metaphysics at 12 to 1 A.M., French & History first hour after dinner. Get along very well with my lessons. Now if I only study enough which I can do if I only will do it, and why not for who has greater inducements

Wednesday 2. and more to urge one on than I have. Every moment of my time is certainly precious. Got along with my lessons very well again. Beginning to be very well acquainted with the scholars and professors. At the New Church Sociable. At the church had a very pleasant time beginning to get acquainted.

Thursday 3. Last night I was locked out but got in all right having been excused before hand by one of the prof. to go down into the City. Got through my lessons as usual. Received several letters from home & elsewhere but have no time to answer them now. Studying hard for tomorrow's lessons.

Friday 4. A pleasant day. How relieved I feel when Friday afternoon comes no lessons until Monday. Out looking at a Regiment of Soldiers drill. They look well marching along to martial music with the stars & stripes flying. Writing letters all afternoon. To hear Paul S. Dickenson lecture on the State of the Country. Very good.

Saturday 5. After seeping out as we generally do on Saturday & cleaning up a little. Trying to study. After dinner down to the city to get some things & arrange my bill with Mr. Clark. What a wonderful busy place Chicago is. It is not equalled by any of the cities I have been in. Evening, studying and writing letters again.

Sunday 6. A pleasant day and not very cold. Went with Mr. Officer to Church as usual. A pretty large attendance. Took dinner with them & called on Mr. Hibbard & his invalid wife. Evening at lecture which was very interesting and instructive. Rode home in the street cars which are always crowded. A pleasant evening.

Monday 7. Very warm, pleasant, weather for this time of the year. Changed my room. Moved down to No. 10 with Chet Porter. Have a very pleasant room. My chum is also a classmate, a junior. Got through with my lessons as usual. Studying hard & late.

Tuesday 8. As pleasant as ever. Got up at the first ringing of the bell which is just at break of day. Expected to have a pretty tough time with my lessons but got through as usual. Received a letter from home & answered it. Commenced to write my first Oration. Pretty hard work.

Wednesday 9. No French or history today. Got along very well with my other studies. Afternoon, went down to the City. Saw Gen. Tom Thumb & Co. Pretty small specimens of human nature. Evening, went to Theater, saw Cubas in the French Spy, a tale of "Blood & Thunder". Pretty good.

Thursday 10. Have had excitement & diversion enough this week to last me a month. Must stay at home and study now. Had my lessons as well as I could expect after running around so much. Have got into different society now with my new roommate.

Friday 11. Got a long pretty well with my recitations. Had no recitation in Metaphysics but the class spent the time in making a table move. Trying to study a little in the P.M. and writing my Oration. Evening, played a couple games of chess with the champ of the University. Beat several times.

Saturday 12. A rainy, foggy, dark, damp, ugly day. Out playing a little while and trying to study some & writing at my oration. Evening, having some little fun as the boys sometimes go up in old with a lot of the boys where we had a singing school. Studying a little in evening.

Sunday 13. Raining and drizzling all day. Went down to Mr. Officer & with them to church. After dinner over at Mr. Robert Officers. Went from there with Mr. Nelson to his room where we had a pleasant chat until evening. Took supper at Mr. Officer's, went to church but no lecture to night. Came home & wrote a letter to Pa.

Monday 14. Signs of colder weather. Got along very well with my lessons. Have only German & French on Mondays.

Tuesday 15. Got along very well with my lessons but find I have no time to spare if I want to have them all good.

Wednesday 16. A very stormy day, snowing and drifting. Uncle David Lingle here. Showed him round, was very well pleased. Out at the lake, waves rolling very high & blowing on the shore. They look grand dashing the spray high in the air.

Thursday 17. Cannot boast of having my lessons very good today. See where the fault is, did not study them enough. Boys are all rather careless, so near the end of the term. Playing chess beat the champion of the University. Wrote home. Cold and windy out of doors.

Friday 18. Very cold weather. Got along very well with my lessons today, was examined in History & listened to a lecture from Dr. Burroughs instead of reciting Metaphysics. Afternoon, getting up some wood. Very cold. Evening, at Athenaeum Meeting & learning my oration.

Saturday 19. Morning, went down to the City & to the P.O. got a letter from home & from Simon. Over at the N.W. Depot, got my draft cashed at Scammons. Bought some books for Christmas presents. Called on some of our Carroll Folks living in the city & got home in time for dinner. P. M. Learning my Oration. Evening, at a sociable at the South Mission. Had the pleasure of seeing a Miss Meyers home, a right pretty girl.

Sunday 20. Went down to Church as usual. Pretty cold. Listened to a funeral sermon of Lieutenant Col. Hall by Mr. Hibbard. Burial was conducted by the Masons & escorted by several companies of troops. After a good dinner, turkey roast. Mr. Wilson & I went up to Mr. Siers who gave us a fine sleigh ride on Michigan Avenue with a splendid team. Evening to the Lecture as usual.

Monday 21. Morning after breakfast went out to the lake & rehearsed my Oration to its broad waters. Got through it very well afterwards in the Chapel. Not doing very much today. Classes did not recite regularly.

Tuesday 22. Got through my examination very well, got 99 in German and a pretty good mark in French. The only classes I am examined in this term. At the Athenaeum exhibition. Just tolerable as it might have been better.

Wednesday 23. Up early, all ready to start. Mrs. Ellis got me some breakfast and started. Got down to the depot in time all right & on my way home again. Plenty of snow as we go whistling along & good sleighing in the country. Arrived safe at home. Folks all well.

Thursday 24. Was at the Jubilee last evening. Several of the old scholars there that use to be in my classes. At home looking around.

Friday 25. Another Christmas has dawned. And I am at home as usual but under circumstances quite different than ever before. Home from College for a few days spending vacation. Over at Uncle Georges to a Turkey Roast.

Sunday 27. At Home.

Monday 28. Went into the Office with Pa. Commenced posting up the book with which I have a pretty big job to post & balance them for the last two months.

Tuesday 29. In the office posting.

Wednesday 30. Took Mother over to Mr. Emmerts & went to town. Posting books. Walked part of the way home from the corner. Had my skates along and skated on the creek. Skating pretty good.

Thursday 31. Snowing and blowing and very cold. Nearly finished posting the books. The old year is going out with a terrible storm. It is blowing bitter cold and piling the snow up along the fences. Another year has gone and a very eventfull one for me especially the latter part of it. Have, I think, learned a great deal and begin as I think to have a more extended view of life and the world, and I hope as time rolls on I will be able to apply my knowledge usefully.

Memoranda. W. W. Tumer, Patent Office. J. H. Bowman, Lincoln Hospital, Ward No. 1, Bed 53 on Capitol Hill.

In memory of John Bowman Sr. who departed this life February 26, 1843, aged 74 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Along life spent; I now have gone the road
That all flesh goes to meet my God.
I loved him in my Life; I loved his will,
And now I live forever to love him still.
Let passers by this admonition read,
And to the will of God take heed.

This grave yard is by virtue of the will of the above named deceased, the property of his heirs & posterity forever. See will in Corlish.

In memory of Regina, Wife of John Bowman who died October 14, 1851, aged 75 years, 7 months & 10 days.

This woman was full of good works & alms deed which she did.

Acts: a c 36 v.

With pain severe she lingered long.
Yet bore it with a humble spirit.
Her parting breath and dying song
Told of a world she would inherit.

In memory of Magdalena Hostetter born on the 24th day of Dec. 1793, died on the 22nd day of March, 1835, aged 41 years, 2 months & 29 days.

Farewell ye tribes of earth.
Farewell my children too.
I go to a land of purer birth.
I bid you all adieu.
Beneath this tomb I will remain
Till God will bid me rise again.

Sacred to the memory of Abraham Hostetter, born January 29, 1777 died April 13, 1843, aged 66 years, 2 months & 15 days.

The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish while they sleep in dust.
Bless a friend thou hast from our region
 fled
And left thy body here amongst the dead.
Angel guards around thee did convey
Thy kindred spirit to everlasting day.
Where thou with Angels join and sing
Eternal praise to the Almighty King.

In memory of Barbara Hostetter born 16th day of October 1832 and died on the 19th day of March 1835, aged 2 years, 5 months & 3 days.

In memory of Barbara Hostetter who departed this life December 9, 1827, aged 72 years, 11 months & 7 days.

In memory of Jacob Hostetter, Sr. who departed this life December 9, 1825, aged 71 years, 5 months & 9 days.

In memory of Nicholas Wolf who departed this life June 5 A. D. 1817, aged 72 years, 5 months and 5 days.

Remember Lord our Mortal state.
How frail our life, how short our days.
Where is the man that draws his breath?
Safe from disease; secure from death.

In memory of Elden Samuel Bowman who departed this life May 23, 1848, aged 48 years, 7 months & 15 days.

For we know that if our earthly house of this
tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God,
a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

2 Cor. 5 & 1

To the sacred memory of Catherine Bowman who departed this life the 14th day of August, A. D. 1835, aged 88 years and 10 days.